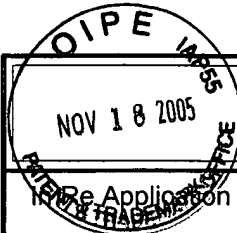


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Title: **GAMING DEVICE INCLUDING A GAME HAVING A WILD SYMBOL RELATED AWARD**

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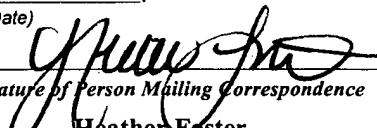
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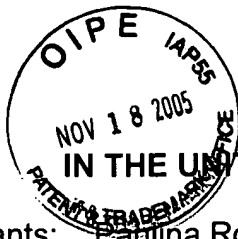
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2005. No fees are due with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, which required applicants to elect one of the following:

Species I: Fig. 9 (claims 1-32 and 41-68) drawn to a reel game.

Species II: Fig. 16 (claims 33-40 and 69-74) drawn to a card game.

Applicants hereby elect Species I: Fig. 9 (claims 1-32 and 41-68) drawn to a reel game, without traverse, for examination on the merits.

The Examiner also stated that should applicants elect Species I, applicants are further required to elect one of the following species:

Species 1: specification page 41, lines 14-16, (claims 1-13, 17-30, 41-65) drawn to reactivating reels for a designated number of activations.

Species 2: specification page 41, lines 11-14, (claims 14-16 and 66-68) drawn to reactivating reels until a winning combination occurs.

Applicants hereby elects Species 1: specification page 41, lines 14-16, (claims 1-13, 17-30, 41-65) drawn to reactivating reels for a designated number of activations, without traverse, for examination on the merits.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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